

Fun with New Words

Dear Family,

During the week of _____, your child will be studying the meanings of the following words. As students learn the words in this vocabulary program, they will become better at expressing themselves in speech and writing. Please try to use these words as often as you can during the week. Thank you for your help.

ricochet

When something ricochets, it hits a surface and bounces back from it.

Play or watch a ball game with your child and talk about what the ball ricochets off of.

fragment

A fragment of something is a small piece or part of it.

Work with your child to identify items in your home that are fragments of larger things.

radiance

Something's radiance is a glowing light that shines from it.

Make a list with your child of things that are radiant. You might begin your list with the sun.

dwindle

If something dwindles, it becomes smaller, weaker, or fewer in number.

Challenge your child to name foods in your home that dwindle quickly because everyone likes them so much.

Teacher

auspicious

Something that is auspicious is a sign that more good things are on the way.

Talk with your child about things that are auspicious of a good day, such as waking up to the sun shining.

fleeting

If something is fleeting, it only lasts for a short time.

Ask your child to act out some things that are fleeting, such as a sneeze.

fathom

If you cannot fathom something, you can't understand it, no matter how much you think about it.

Name something you cannot fathom, such as the number of stars in the sky, and then ask your child to name something.

newsworthy

Something that is newsworthy is interesting enough to be reported in newspapers, on the radio, or on television.

Together, with your child, look at the headlines of a newspaper or magazine and discuss why the events are newsworthy.